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**E-tools seminar: Phone apps revisited – MSD apps
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Introduction to the e-tools seminar

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EC’s Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2021-2027

- Development of tools and guidance for RA related to green and digital jobs and processes, including in particular psychosocial and ergonomic risks.

How we network and exchange information on e-tools

■ Now into the 7th year

- 2014 Explorative discussions of issues
- 2015 OSH Phone Apps
- 2016 Development of E-tools
- 2017 Focused on dangerous substances -campaign topic for 2018-19
- 2018 Post-launch actions with e-tools, with focus on road transport sector
- 2019 OSH E-tools in the policy context
- 2021 OSH-apps revisited – MSD apps

Why a seminar on phone apps on MSDs

- MSDs because:
 - Fits with the Health Workplaces Campaign Lighten the Load 2020-22 on MSD prevention
 - The campaign is ongoing and sharing and exchanging tools for MSD prevention is part of the goals
- Phone apps for many reasons, e.g. because
 - Not discussed since 2015 and many new developments
 - Most workers have a phone app – great for worker involvement
 - Innovation in phone apps for MSDs taking place

The seminar will explore:

1. The best use of MSD apps in different sectors and for different types of MSD risk factors?
2. What are the challenges and success factors for mobile phone app developers?
3. What is the role of MSD phone apps in the OSH repertoire for prevention? What are their benefits and drawbacks?
4. What are the future opportunities for mobile phone apps applied to MSD risk factors?

What are the goals of the seminar?

- To stimulate the use of e-tools as part of the OSH repertoire for prevention
- To share experiences and information in the development, adaption, use, promotion and especially INTEGRATION of e-tools.
- To facilitate liaison between actors and stakeholder engaged in the development, dissemination, and use of e-tools in Member States

What is the format of the seminar?

- **Day 1**
 - Expert speakers then plenary discussion
- **Day 2**
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- An **ACTIVE** event, not passive – despite limitations of the online format **PLEASE ENGAGE**
- Participants have a wide range of backgrounds:
 - Public and private organisations
 - Social partners and the Commission
 - Enforcement and communication
- Use the seminar to **network and build links**
 - We specifically ask for different delegates to the event

Thank you

